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## **Russian Federation**

### **Fishery Products**

### **Partial Changes to Customs Duties on Seafood**

### **Products**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

In January 2001, Russia began applying new tariffs on many seafood products. U.S. exports of processed seafood products could benefit from lower tariffs, as changes consolidate differing tariff levels into fewer categories.

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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On November 29, 2000, Russia published Decree #886, entitled, "On Partial Changes to GOR Decree #148, issued February 22, 2000." The decree applies new tariff rates on many products from January 1, 2001 until the end of September. This move is expected to speed Russia's accession to the WTO because it consolidates differing tariff levels into fewer but broader groups.

Combined rates were changed in line with ad valorem rates. For example, if a commodity was subject to a tariff of 25 percent but not less than a fixed amount of Euros per kilogram, the tariff was reduced from 25 percent to 20 percent. The fixed component charged in Euros also fell proportionately.

Tariffs for traditional Russian frozen fish (herring, cod, salmon, mackerel) remained at the previous level (10 percent). However, import tariffs on dry, salted, hot or cold smoked delicatessen fish products such as salmon or trout were reduced by 10 percent. Local producers fear that imports of delicatessen fish products will increase as a result. U.S. exports of processed seafood items including salmon and cod could benefit from the reduced tariffs.

Customs Code	Commodity	New Tariff (Ad Valorem percentage)	Old Tariff (Ad Valorem percentage)
0305	Fish dried, salted, or in brine, smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption;		
0305 41 000 0	Pacific salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gorbusha</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus kata</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> <i>Oncorhynchus masou</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus rhodorus</i> ); Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ); Danube salmon ( <i>Hucho hucho</i> )	20, but not less than 4 Euros per kg	30, but not less than 6 Euros per kg
0305 49 450 0	Trout (salmon <i>trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus aquabonita</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gilae</i> <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> <i>Oncorhynchus chrysogaster</i>	10	20
0305 49 500 0	Eel ( <i>Anguilla</i> spp.)	10	20

1604 11	Salmon	20, but not less than 3 Euros per kg	30, but not less than 4 Euros per kg
1604 19 100 0	Other	15	25
1604 19 310 0	Balyk	15	25
1604 19 390 0	Other	15	25
1604 19 500	<i>Orcynopsis unicolor</i>	15	25
1604 19 910	Fillets, raw, if breaded, coated with butter, preliminary cooked or not, frozen	15	25
1604 19 920 0	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> , <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> )	15	25
1604 19 930 0	Saida ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	15	25
1604 19 940 0	Merlusa ( <i>Merluccius spp.</i> ); <i>Urophycis spp.</i>	15	25
1604 19 950 0	<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i> ; <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	15	25
1604 19 980 0	Other	15	25
1604 20	Other prepared or preserved fish		
1604 20 100 0	From salmon	15	25
1604 30 100 0	Sturgeon caviar	20, but not less than 22 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 32 Euros per one kg
1604 30 900 0	Caviar substitutes	20, but not less than 22 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 32 Euros per one kg
1605 10 000 0	Crab	20, but not less than 3 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 4 Euros per one kg
1605 20 100 0	Shrimps and prawns, in airtight containers	20, but not less than 2 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 3 Euros per one kg

1605 20 910 0	Shrimp and prawns, in immediate containers weighing with their contents not over 2 kg each	20, but not less than 2 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 3 Euros per one kg
1605 20 990 0	Other	20, but not less than 2 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 3 Euros per one kg
1605 30 000 0	Lobster	20, but not less than 3.5 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 5.5 Euros per one kg
1605 40 00 0	Other crustaceans	20, but not less than 2 Euros per one kg	30, but not less than 3 Euros per one kg
1605 90 110 0	In airtight containers	15	20
1605 90 190 0	Other	15	20
1605 90 300 0	Other	15	20
1605 90 900 0	Other aquatic invertebrates	15	20